

FRIDAY NIGHT CIRCUIT MEETING: None
FORMATION TIME: 0700 hrs

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CURRENT UTA EVENTS...

FORMATION TIME:0700 hrs)
Saturday will be the Walk/Run.
Report to formation in exercise
clothing!

*Sunday we will be having a retirement
party for TSgt Goldfarb.*



WELCOME ABOARD

AIC Birchett

Radio

Happy Birthday to:

***June: Asher, Bauer, Bourcier, Shepard,
Carlton, Chittick, Day, Fields, He,
Hertsgaar, Lapham, Maxted, Meyers,
Muschinske, Redman, Sebring, Selga and
Stoll.***

Communicator Articles for July must be
received by COB 15 June 01. Articles may be
either faxed at 818.909.2312 or e-mailed to both
denise.meyers@cachan.ang.af.mil and
alice.beltran@cachan.ang.af.mil.

Year 2001 UTA Schedule ***(as of 9 March 2001)***

28 – 29 July	AT Prep
30 Jul - 10 Aug	Annual Training
11 – 12 Aug	AT Recovery
8 - 9 Sep	Deployment Exercise
13 - 14 Oct	Employment
3 - 4 Nov	In-Garrison
1 - 2 Dec	Stand Down

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*Commander,
Major Erich P. Muschinske*

*Detachment Commander,
Captain Robert Garcia*

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Part One – Squadron News

Commander's Comments

- Major Muschinske



The recent Commanders' conference highlighted a few subjects of interest to the Squadron. One topic was the new building; things are looking good. Another (recurring) topic was recruiting and retention, the bonuses keep going up! Working with our sister units in Southern California, we also came up with a schedule for next year's UTAs that should make for better training opportunities for you.

The plans for the new building are moving ahead. The next few weeks will reveal if we are able to get it added to next year's budget as a congressional plus up. If we are successful, ground breaking should be next spring, with construction taking about a year.

The drumbeat for recruiting and retention is continuing. Last month saw the state issuing \$150 and \$250 bonuses for signing up one or more new people to the unit. Col Fager has upped the ante again. The prize is a F-16 ride for anyone getting 5 people to join before the end of September. Remember, everyone is a recruiter.

The preparations continue for annual training. It's now just over a month away. Most of the classes have been organized and facilities nailed down for AT. The First Sergeant has promised to have a lot of fun activities to go along with the work.

Enjoy your holiday and remember those that have fallen in the service of our country. See you bright and early in June. Drive safely.

The First Sergeant

- MSgt Chittick



Hello! I hope you had a great Memorial Day weekend, you've earned it! You are part of the tradition that keeps this great country the best damn country on the planet! You insure that your neighbor's freedom is secure. Many of your parents did, their parents did and now it is our turn. For many of us, our children are also earning a Memorial Day.

I just returned from the 2001 Air National Guard Leadership Symposium. The theme was change. The motto was "Been there, Done that, We'll do it again". Guard members from around the country were present at the symposium. The 162nd Combat Communications Group was the largest group from CA. We out numbered all of the wings put together!

Change, it is what we do best. That is why we don't have cement attached to our equipment. Our mission IS change.

The Air Force and the Air National Guard are changing. AEF, for one has brought about a large change. The Air Force and ANG have become a real team. It's not us and them, it's US. We are a part of almost every real world mission with the Air Force. We are rotating in and enhancing the environment, not (what skeptics said) lowering the technical or professional standards.

Many years ago, (many civilians believed) the Guard was the place to "hide" from military service. That has been demonstrated NOT to be true!! Let's look at it from a different angle, (from the civilian). WE are the military the civilian population sees. They get their perception of the professionalism of the United

States armed forces from what they see at home and on the TV. In the past several years many active duty bases have closed. So by far, the great majority of the civilian population sees National Guard and Reserve uniformed personnel.

I don't know about you, but I really didn't think that WE are where most civilians got their perception of the military. But it's true, think about it, my/your uniform has a U.S. AIR FORCE tape on it, not ANG. So what the heck do you think they will think?

WE are the best Air Force in the world. WE have earned that title. Be proud, show your pride.

In my humble opinion, the best way to have a change in my life (work or personal) is to create it. If I let change be created for me, then I'm being affected, not changed.

Do you want to create change? Or be affected by it? See you bright and early Saturday!!

DETAILS

Combat Support	Doughnuts
Mission Support	Flag
Network Systems	Mess Check
Base Systems	Gate

Military Pay

June's Drill Pay

Pay out for June's UTA will be on 15 June 01. If you do not receive your pay on this date or you have a question, please call SrA Beltran at 818.909.2345.

Services



Billeting Reservations

The following reservations were made for June:

<i>Muschinske</i>	<i>1 & 2 Jun</i>
<i>Vandemark</i>	<i>1 & 2 Jun</i>
<i>Decaires/Lapham</i>	<i>2 Jun</i>
<i>Bautista/Bastiaans</i>	<i>1 & 2 Jun</i>
<i>Goldfarb</i>	<i>2 Jun</i>

The reservations will be at the **AirTel Hotel**. Please call me if you will not be utilizing the hotel or if there are any changes. POC: SrA Beltran at 818.909.2345.

Annual Walk/Run and "NEW" Muscular Fitness Assessment

You must come in your exercise clothing Saturday morning for formation. Yes, it's that time of year again...not only will we be completing our Walk/Run this year, but we will be preparing for the "New" Fitness Testing. A new Air Force requirement this year is to practice push-ups and crunches, as a measure of muscular strength. The results do not count toward meeting any requirement until January 2002. This is a Practice year only. Each member will be scored on his/her performance of *regulation* crunches and push-ups and advised of the required number that he/she must perform next year in order to pass the fitness test.

The required times for passing the walk/run test this year are unchanged from previous years. The *Walk/Run, Muscular fitness assessment* and *annual weight check* will be conducted on Saturday, 2 June.

Below are the Standards for each Assessment:

Push-Ups - Male	
Age	Amount in 2-minutes
Less than 24	42
25-29	40
30-34	36
35-39	34
40-44	30
45-49	25
50-54	20
55-59	18

Push-Ups - Female	
AGE	Amount in 2-minutes
Less than 24	19
25-29	17
30-34	15
35-39	13
40-44	12
45-49	10
50-54	9
55-59	8

Crunches - Male/Female	
AGE	Amount in 2-minutes
Less than 24	53
25-29	50
30-34	42
35-39	38
40-44	32
45-49	30
50-54	28
55-59	27

Walk Run				
AGE	1.5 Miles		3.0 Walk	
17-29	14:30	15:36	40:54	43:52
30-34	15:00	16:05	42:04	45:10
35-39	15:30	16:40	43:15	46:29
40-44	16:00	17:10	44:25	47:44
45-49	16:30	17:45	45:34	48:55
50+	17:00	18:15	48:19	52:02

Information Management



We wish MSgt Bourcier the best at her new home with the 146th Air Wing. As for us IM'ers, I would like to get us all more involved with our IM functional duties. I would like to have an IM meeting during this UTA (date & time TBD) to discuss some issues. After the walk/run please come and see me (SrA Beltran) and I will hand out

your schedules for the classes you will be in for June UTA.

As you all know TSgt Lopez will be handling all the IM Functional Manager duties. This is all new for him as well so let's work together. See you in June.

Recruiter MSgt Maxted



I want to tell you that summer is just around the corner and AT is just weeks away. The Squadron's strength is getting better everyday. The 261st is charging hard to meet the goal of 100% before years end. I just want to reiterate that the "Gold Rush Program" is still alive and well. This program pays you for every applicant that enlists before July 31st. You can review this program on the S: Drive in the Recruiting folder. Power Productions new guy SrA Gutierrez (p/s NAVY) will be here this weekend, If you see him around the base please make him feel welcome. I will introduce him to the Squadron this Saturday of drill weekend. **UCA's: TSgt Manuel Garavito, SSgt Lasean James, SRA Randy Fields,** are your current Unit Career Advisor's (UCA's). I am looking for one or two more enthusiastic individuals that would like to become UCA's, please see me during drill for more details. I have some feed back that I would like to share with all of you. **Supervisors & TOP 3** - There has been a lot of talk about unhappy people in this unit, and more about who's leaving the 261st. Why? We all have an obligation to know our folks. If they're not happy, we need to find out why. If there is something we can change let's fix it! If you need assistance please let someone know so we can bring it to the attention of the right person and get the help and attention it needs. We all need to listen to our younger members because

they have great ideas and suggestions. Let's use more tact when talking with our troops, and make sure we are not talking down to them. Supervisors you are the front line of defense when it comes to the people in your shops. Let's start giving more credit to the junior ranking airmen because believe it or not their contributions are huge. Become part of the solution not part of the problem. **OIC's** – Please encourage your supervisors, shop chief's and superintendents to create exciting and worthwhile training on equipment. Allow your people to practice and make mistakes whenever possible. Rotating tasks and training whenever possible will make for a more productive work force. Flexibility and open lines of communication both up and down the chain is something our people are looking for when they arrive here for drill weekend. We have a great organization; let's work hard for it's continued success. If you have any questions regarding any issues please feel free to drop by, call, or email me. Richard.maxted@cachan.af.mil. My number in the office is **800-860-8456** or **330** if you're on base.



This is the **YEAR OF THE EMPLOYER**, and we are trying hard to facilitate this program. We have ordered coins that can be presented to your employer along with the "TEAM 261 Certificate of Appreciation", or submit your request to me directly so you can schedule presentation at your place of employment to show our appreciation to your boss or your company. This is something that can happen right now without a long wait. Call me for the details. **ESGR** – I would like to thank Bill Rubio our ESGR representative for his visit last drill. The Employer Support Program is a great tool for you and your employer. If you have not taken the time to recognize your employer please do so. It only takes 5 minutes to let your Boss know that you recognize their contributions to your success in the

California Air National Guard. Have a great weekend and be safe!

Personnel - MSgt Meyers



WELCOME TO OUR TEAM

PHYSICAL EXAMS

Individuals listed are scheduled for Physical Exams on the dates and times indicated. **You must fast (water only) for 12 prior to exam – no alcohol for 24 hrs prior, and do not wear contact lenses.** Please report to the Orderly Room following formation for transportation.

SATURDAY, 2 JUNE 01, 0830 HRS

NON-FASTING

***MUST BRING IN DOCUMENTATION FROM PERSONAL M.D.**

Abadia	Lopez	Meyers	Monteilh
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Tronocoso – Needs DNA Test

IMMUNIZATIONS

The 146th Medical Squadron will have a shot team here on **Saturday, 2 June 01 (times to be announced)**. Personnel listed are required to report to the Medic Station. With the rising costs of your energy bills, we wanted to make sure there would be no negative financial impact to our unit members, so just for you, all shots are **FREE!** Now don't you feel special!!

Abadia	Allen	Asher	Bastiaans	Bostock
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Bright	Brown	Camarillo	Chittick	Decaires
Decastro	Federico	Fields	Frederick	HardsonR
Hayashi	Hazelton	He	Hertsgaard	Hill
Holmes	Isaac	James	Justiniano	Kilijanski
Lapham	Long	Lowery	Maxted	Meyers
Monteilh	Muschins ke	Plumb	Ramos	Richmond
Rubio	Scheurn	Schroeder	Schroth	Sebring
Shepard	Simeon	Smart	Smith	Spencer
Stoll	Talbott	Terry	Torres	Wallace
Weigand				

SECURITY CLEARANCE PR'S

Per HQ USAF, effective September 30, 2001, the 146AW, Security Forces Squadron will administratively downgrade or remove access for those personnel who have failed to submit the required personnel security questionnaire. Downgrading means if the individual has a TS and hasn't submitted/updated their investigation, they will be downgraded to Secret, Secret Clearance's may be downgraded to Confidential, Favorable, etc. A minimum of a Secret Clearance is required to be a member of the California Air National Guard, so it is imperative that you take care of this requirement as quickly as possible. Failure to do so will adversely affect this squadron's deployment capability.

***PLEASE NOTE:** A new users version of the program will be available on multiple computers to make your data entry more convenient. Please contact MSgt Meyers at 818) 909-2314 or if on base, ext 314 for information.

Abadia	Alexander	Ancheta	Asher
Berreitter	Chittick	Contreras	Federico
Goulet	Gutierrez	Homes	Jamison
Justiniano	Khalaf	Lapham	Middleton
Milholland	Peratt	Scheurn	Schroth
Troncoso	Wallace	W'Spoon	

GOVERNMENT TRAVEL CARDS

Most of you will be receiving new Government Travel Cards from Bank Of America this year due to expiration of your current cards. As you receive them, please activate them and turn them in to TSgt Goulet or me on the following drill. Please call me at 818-909-2314 if you have questions.

The following cards are currently due for turn-in:

Camarillo	Frederick	Delp	Holmes
James	Milholland	Morales	Toves

MISSIONS & EXERCISES

Available vacancies are posted in the Mission/Exercise Binder located in the Orderly Room. Before you complete your volunteer form, please take a look at any Line Remarks (mandatory experience or requirements) that may be listed for the vacancy you are applying for – then, using the Line Remarks listing in the binder; verify that you are qualified for this position. Volunteer forms cannot be submitted with “indefinite” dates – a new form must be submitted each month.

FAMILY SUPPORT



Our new logo garments are in! The new logo was designed by MSgt Rick Sebring.....thanks Rick! We have Black T-Shirts, Sweatpants & Henley's.

A big thank you to Base Systems Flight for their on-going generosity. They have again donated all profits (including the cost of the donuts) to the Family Support Fund!

HONOR GUARD

We have selected the individuals for our new “Team 261st” Honor Guard. Congratulations to the following individuals – I know you'll represent the unit well!

SrA Beltran – SrA Hazelton – SSgt James – SrA Jamir
SSgt Long – TSgt Lopez – SSgt Redman – SSgt Simeon

We will have our first meeting on Sunday, 3 June 01, 0800-0900hrs Bldg 22 classroom. We will be placing orders for uniforms, and completing school applications.

UNIFORMED SERVICES PARTICIPATION IN THE THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN

On October 30, 2000, President Clinton signed the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001. One provision of the law extended participation in the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) for Federal civilian employees to members of the uniformed services – that means all of you, Traditional Guardsmen and AGR's! Additional materials will be issued during the late summer of 2001, in preparation for the first uniformed services open season, which begins October 9, 2001.

WHAT IS THE THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN (TSP)

The TSP is a retirement savings and investment plan that has been available to civilian employees of the Federal Government since 1987. The purpose of the TSP is to provide retirement income. It offers participants the same type of savings and tax benefits that many private corporations offer their employees under so-called "401 (k) plans". The TSP allows participants to save a portion of their pay in a special retirement account administered by the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board. The money that participants invest in the TSP comes from pre-tax dollars and reduces their current taxable income – investments and earnings are not taxed until they are withdrawn.

Training TSgt Goulet

We're moving quite rapidly within the CAMS arena. All of the set backs have been corrected and I'm anticipating uploading new training task tables for the 2E6X3, 3A0X1 and 3C0X1 career fields pending Vandenberg's approval.

I met with the 2E community to discuss Workcenter Training Assignments (WTA) and to issue new TTTs. At that time we will start loading the WTAs by workcenter into CAMS. My intent for setting this date is to involve those traditionals assigned as training monitors for their workcenter.

Exams on File

<i>Name</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Exp Date</i>
Bostock	3E052A	21 Apr 01
Castellano, Al	2E151B	15 Mar 01
Castellano, An	2E151B	15 Mar 01
Chu	2E251E	12 Oct 01
*Federico	3C051B	6 Apr 01
Hazelton	2T350A	27 Apr 01
Hill, B	3E151A	8 Nov 01
Long	3E052A	8 Nov 01
Oberg	2E251	8 Jun 01
Plumb	2E251	8 Sep 01
Price	2T350B	13 Jun 01
Scheurn	2E251E	12 Oct 01
Thomas	3A071	8 Nov 01

*Individual **must** test during the UTA to avoid course elimination.

Individuals testing **must have all volumes of their current CDC shred as well as their training folder with them prior to testing. The UETM will ensure that both the individual and the supervisor did their part during the course of the CDC. Discrepancies will be documented and supervisors notified. Individuals with discrepancies **may not** be allowed to test.

CDC Extensions and waivers are the EXCEPTION not THE RULE. DO NOT ASSUME THEY ARE AUTOMATIC. Extensions **do not** apply to PME courses. CDC Extensions will be handled on an individual basis, contact your supervisor for more info.

Professional Military Education (PME) Exams

<i>Name</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Exp</i>
Gates	00006D	3 Oct 01
Gretchko	00008D	17 Aug 01
Hardson, R	00008D	8 Sep 01
Hardson, S	00008D	10 Jul 01

Justiniano	00006D	1 Nov 01
Moya	00006D	3 Oct 01
Orme	00006D	2 Aug 01
Schroth	00006D	2 Aug 01
Weigand	00006D	14 Jun 01

Part Two – Flight Information

Base Systems Flight

Lt Col D. Brown



Last month we had some success on our circuits during our in-garrison operation. I was pleased to see teamwork, cooperation, and training in progress.

It was a pleasure for me to have the opportunity to work with our new Officer Candidate. Congratulations SSG Nakamura on your selection! I sincerely think you will make a fine officer.

SSgt Bautista has been a great contributor on the SB-3865s and the honor guard. Unfortunately for us, he moved to Northern California. For quite some time, he has been flying down to the 261st at his own expense to delay leaving the unit for as long as possible. Thank you for your dedication and contributions and best wishes at the 234th.

MSgt Bourcier moved on to an AGR job at the 146 AW. Thanks for your contributions. It has been a pleasure working with you, and I wish you the best in your new position.

This month will be a stand down weekend. Let's get some great equipment and ancillary training done. If you are assigned to attend any ancillary training, it is critical that you attend. I'm looking forward to working with you in June.

Combat Support Flight

Captain R. Garcia



Last month we went to the Commander's Conference and there is some good information we want to pass along to you. We have an AF Advisor due into our unit on 31 Aug 01. He is MSgt "Doc" Holiday and is a 2E171 with some Logistics and Job Control experience. The AOY Banquet is tentatively being held at Channel Islands on 18 Jan 02. We will also need everyone's assistance this UTA, to help prepare for the Group ESOHCAMP (formerly known as the ECAMP) on 7 Jun 01. They will be inspecting our Environmental, Safety, and Occupational Health Programs to ensure we are in compliance. Do you know who the Senior Enlisted Advisor is for the 162nd CCG? You should. His name is CMSgt Brian Toomey and he is very interested in you and your career progression. He gave the Commanders an outstanding briefing and will have follow-up meetings at the unit level to provide more guidance with respect to PME, AOY, Awards & Decorations, and Top Three involvement. I also want to mention to everyone, especially the "Rising six" about the importance of Training, CDCs, and PME. In my mind, they go hand-in-hand with your career progression and promotion. If there are questions or concerns, please approach your supervisor and OIC for clarification or guidance.

Lastly, I just want to say a few words about the Chain-of-Command - follow it. If you have issues or concerns, please give your supervisor the first opportunity to get involved and resolve the issue for you. If you don't feel comfortable with your supervisor, approach your OIC. If not your OIC, then the First Sergeant should get involved and escalate the issue to the Commander.

I'm looking forward to seeing you folks this weekend and please be safe.

MATERIEL CONTROL:



Customer Service Hours – Sat / Sun 0800-0930

Hi! Hope everybody had a great month. As noted elsewhere in this bulletin, this weekend is going to be extremely busy. And, of course, Supply is going to be right in the middle of things. Our building will not only be used for the gas mask fit tests, but will also have the CWDT classes and the Orientation briefings as well. We will also be working on several objectives:

1. All section personnel will have CPR refresher training.
2. All section personnel will participate in a review of their training records.
3. All section personnel will help with the Orientation Briefing.
4. We will review S05 procedures and start our annual MRSP inventory.

As you can see, there are a lot of things going on. Please be prompt, ready, and attentive. See you on the 2nd!

TSgt Steadman

The following personnel have clothing items to pick up. Please come by the clothing area in building 22 between 0800 and 0930. If your name is not listed below and you have something on order, please check to see if it's in. Thank you!

Adams	Meyers	Redman*
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English*	Milholland*	Toves
Grandy	Morales*	Foster
Jamir	Oller	

*Second bulletin notice. These items will be returned to stock if not retrieved this UTA.

TSgt Tatum

POWER PRODUCTION:



Hi everyone, its time for our annual Run-Walk exercise program. This year there are two added exercises to the program that will not only test your endurance but also your strength. Push-ups and sit-ups were added to do just that. Don't forget to do some type of stretching exercise. So come prepared for a good workout. Also, I'm going to implement at each stand down drill an in-house inspection to see where you are in training. That is to say that, we are going to take your training records, and at random pick a task that you have been signed off on to see if you can perform it proficiently. This evaluation is not to offend anyone's ability to perform their job, duties, etc. I just need to know if our training is effective and that you are retaining all the information given. This will also help make some changes in our training if needed. Next, we are planning to do some step-by-step T.O. instructions for paralleling generators. Thanks to MSgt Jeff Hedrick and SSgt Mike Shipman from the 149th Squadron who drove down from Sacramento, California just to give TSgt Bostock and myself some additional personalized training on the Mep 005 generators. This training will help us to eliminate any power outages during generator paralleling. Again, Thanks Jeff and Mike!

Also, at last drill's retreat, I would like to thank SSgt Al Stuart who carried the squadron flag with so much pride and professionalism. I hope that everyone saw what I saw in Al, as he led the squadron in the retreat ceremony. And again,

thanks Al. In closing, be careful and stay safe and I'll look forward seeing you at drill

MSgt Hardson R.

Mission Support Flight

2Lt J.P. Berreitter



Brainstorm by Yourself

Da Vinci, a man who designed the first parachute centuries before the first air plane took flight, put it this way: "If you are alone, you are completely by yourself. But if you are accompanied by a single companion, you are half yourself."

About forty studies have demonstrated that individual brainstormers produce more ideas than groups do. This may seem counterintuitive – particularly in light of the old expression, "Two brains are better than one" – but its true. It is also described as the illusion of group effectiveness. Paul Paulus, a psychology professor at the University of Texas at Arlington explains, "You wind up with a bunch of people sitting on their butts not thinking very much but enjoying the excitement, the vicarious thrill of someone else coming up with a good idea."

So how does this apply to us? We don't need six people hopped up on Frappaccinos to generate jaw-dropping ideas. Let the mind games begin! It seems as though our operations go off very smoothly, we get the equipment set up very well, but we need to rework the plan on those circuits. That's where your individual ideas and innovations will pay the biggest dividends, we need to change the game and come up with some new approaches to the problem. I think with the after action reports we are cataloging all of the problems and difficulties from the past and now we need to come up with something more practical to fix the problems. We need to pull the rug out from under our UTA daily habits. We need to identify the problems and then have the

combined creativity of the squadron working towards fixing and improving the process.

The biggest challenge is to temporarily jettison skepticism, banishing the critical reactions that we've all internalized after years of seeing our ideas shot down by nay sayers in the peanut gallery. Rolf Smith, a retired Air Force Colonel who launched the first military office of innovation explains, "Have you ever been around very judgmental people, where no matter what you say, they find something wrong with it? When those people get tired, they'll say, 'I can't think clearly'. What they mean is, 'I'm having trouble being judgmental,' and that is exactly where you want them to be."

I'm tossing out these ideas with the hope that we can generate a ground swell of great ideas that will help the squadron improve our operations and achieve our mission objectives.

Congratulations to SRA Deborah Rubio for recently completing and passing her 5 level CDC end of course examination! Well done!!

I look forward to seeing you all this UTA. Drive safely!

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE:

No input.

Network Systems Flight

Captain S. Weatherspoon



For the past few UTA's, all of our efforts have revolved around the operational aspect of our duties. We have worked diligently in both the pre-employment and execution phases of our mission. This stand down weekend is just yet another opportunity to continue channeling our energies towards the goal of being mission ready. These few stand down UTA's during the year are

extremely valuable periods and should be utilized accordingly.

Congratulations to MSgt Bourcier on her new assignment. She has been a dedicated soldier and has served the 261st well. I am sure that the 146th will receive the same. Good luck in your new position and keep in touch with your Van Nuys family.

In regards to Annual Training, I hope that all traditional personnel have let their full-time employers know their AT dates by now. This type of early advisement helps to maintain a positive relationship while also aiding your civilian employers with their organizational scheduling. Till then, see you in June. Have a safe Memorial Day Weekend!

RADIO MAINTENANCE:



A few words about last UTA first... Congrats to the SrA Castellano brothers, who PASSED their 2E151 CDC tests! Kudos to TSgt Orme, who did an excellent job as the 94 team chief and trainer for the folks new to Satcom, and to the folks who worked PMIs and the LPA teardown. A lot was accomplished.

There is a tight schedule of events this UTA for those who need classes. We also all need gas mask fit tests, and there's the walk/run/pushups/crunches. I am planning "live" on-air PSC-5 training and some exciting Satcom training where both vans are looped together, acting as separate distant ends. Trainees can set up the vans and get them synched using an SAA and cut sheets, just like a real satellite shot. This should prove to be the most realistic Satcom training yet. We'll see if we can squeeze it in, between classes and the other events this UTA. See you Saturday in your walk/run attire.

- MSgt Gretchko

Top Three MSgt Oller

This section provides information to the Top Three members and squadron members of TEAM 261st.

This month I am having an open forum meeting with all the rising six. I would like to see all of you there to provide feedback and your concerns. The time will be at 1600 in the commanders call area on Saturday. My meeting will be in conjunction to the 1st Sgt's presentation. After all they are the future of the 261st.

Please bring any issues, your folks may have brought to you...If anyone has any comments, complaints or needs assistance please let me know. Send me an e-mail at Michael.oller@cachan.ang.af.mil or call (818) 909-2336.

PARTY OVER HERE!



TSgt BARRY GOLDFARB IS RETIRING!!



**WE'RE HAVING CONEY ISLAND DOGS TO
CELEBRATE BARRY'S 23 YEARS OF
SERVICE**

SUNDAY, 3 JUNE 2001

**RIGHT AFTER THE RETREAT
CEREMONY**

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Van Nuys, CA 91406-6499

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Home of “Team 261”
